



Amherst Medical Reserve Corps
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February 2005 Updates

- **MRC Badge Update**

Amherst MRC Badges will be available in April. Time is being donated by Amherst College. Our group will be given a 2-week time slot in April during which we each need to have a photo taken in Valentine Hall ID Office during business hours 8am-4pm.

- **Review of HAN training dates:**

Any questions about HAN are welcome. All members please attend one training. The time commitment has decreased and training has been streamlined—yay! The training will last approximately one hour, not the three for which it was initially billed. This Thursday, March 4 or Monday, March 7. Both begin promptly at 6:30pm. Location: Room 143 at the High School, 21 Mattoon Street, Amherst. Enter through the front door, proceed straight down middle corridor, down 2 small flights of stairs, see cafeteria on right and small flight of stairs to hallway on left—that's the hallway where you'll find Room 143.

- **MRC 2005 Program Surveys**

These have been extremely helpful for 2005 planning. If you have not completed a survey please see Kate about getting another one.

- **Merrimack Area MRC Video**

At the February 28 Meeting we viewed a video presentation put together by some peers in Eastern Mass. This can give us a sense of where we do (or don't) want to head with our group...and possibly some ideas. Any feedback to me is welcome if the video gives you any ideas or sparks interests...and anyone who missed the meeting is welcome to view the DVD another time.

- **2005 National MRC Conference**

A presentation that Kate, Josh, and our colleagues at the Easthampton MRC submitted to the national MRC conference has been accepted. The title of the presentation is "A Case Review: The Role of a Local MRC in a Regional Emergency Dispensation Site Functional Exercise" and will be given at the April 2005 conference in San Francisco. Sometime in March we will probably solicit additional input from those of you who volunteered at the November dispensation drill.

- **CPR/AED Training**

Several members at the meeting said they would be interested in a CPR/Automated External Defibrillator course. This spring Kate will be recertifying her instructorship for CPR and Automated External Defibrillator training. Later this spring she will schedule a course outside of regular meetings for any members who are interested in becoming certified or recertified in CPR/AED.

NEXT MRC TRAINING:

HAN March 3 OR March 7 at 6:30pm. (See location & directions above.)

NEXT MRC MEETING WITH TRAINING:

Mental Health II – Panel Discussion on Disaster and Crisis Mental Health

Monday, March 14, 2005 at 6:30pm

Bangs Community Center Lower Internal Meeting Room

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